



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

January 13, 1988

Samuel Fineman, President  
Alhambra Metal Products  
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Re: Your Request for Informal  
Assistance  
Our File No. I-88-025

Dear Mr. Fineman:

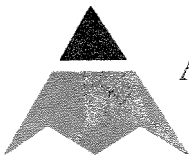
We have received your inquiry concerning provisions of law which require legislators and state employees to devote their time and energy to the jobs that they were elected or hired to perform. As we advised you in our previous letter, the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015) does not contain any such provision. The jurisdiction of the Fair Political Practices Commission is limited to the provisions of the Political Reform Act. Because your question does not concern a matter addressed by the Political Reform Act, we cannot assist you further. Complaints about misuse of public funds should be addressed to the State Attorney General's office.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn E. Donovan".

By: Kathryn E. Donovan  
Counsel, Legal Division



# ALHAMBRA METAL PRODUCTS, INC.

January 5, 1988

CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
428 "J" Street, P.O. Box 807  
Sacramento, CA 95804-0807

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ATTN: Ms. Kathryn E. Donovan, Counsel/Legal Division

REF: Our Request for Informal Assistance/Your File # I-87-310

Dear Ms. Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 1987, which I received December 16, 1987. You state that, "There is no provision in the Political Reform Act that would require Assemblyman Brown to take an unpaid leave of absence from the Legislature while managing the presidential campaign. We are unable to advise you whether there are other laws which might apply to this situation".

This may be true, however, since there is no provision in that particular referenced Act, is there any other law that would require our law-makers and State employees to devote their time and energy to the jobs that they were elected or hired to perform for us? Also, because of the subject matter, ie. Assemblyman Willie Brown's becoming the Campaign Manager for Jesse Jackson's Presidential Campaign, has Mr. Brown made any public, formal, informal or private commitment that he will not stay on the State payroll and use State expense account allowances, while devoting all of his attention to the Jackson campaign?

This is an issue that I think should be closely monitored in our State. We should not allow State employees of any kind to be on our payroll and not perform their jobs.

I await your answer.

Sincerely,

ALHAMBRA METAL PRODUCTS, INC.

Samuel Fineman  
President

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cc: Governor George Deukmejian  
State Attorney General  
Republican Central Committee  
Democratic Central Committee  
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce  
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce